



# WEST LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: West Lafayette Common Council

FR: Chief Timothy J. Heath

RE: August 2015 Report

Call Totals: West Lafayette Fire responded to 175 Total Calls in August: 135 Medical, 6 Fire, 4 Hazardous Condition, 5 Service Calls, 10 Good-Intent Calls, and 15 False Alarms, bringing the total number of runs for the year to 1,369.

Training: Members of the WLFD completed a wide range of training in the month of August. At the beginning of the month, each shift took part in a lecture by members of the Tippecanoe County Youth Services on the Safe Place system (each of our stations has been designated a safe place where at-risk children or teens can go for help). Members learned how to handle situations and how to contact the right authorities. All shifts took part in an aerial ladder training session at Station 3. Instructors from each shift led drills to increase their ability to move the aerial ladder into different positions, enabling each firefighter to be more confident with the apparatus and its functions. Each shift also took part in an equipment drill covering the department's rotary saws and operation, reviewing how to start the equipment and use it in emergency operations. Members of the department also took part in 90 hours of single shift or station drills, including truck checks, hose line operations, building tours, and de-con training. This brought the department's total man hours of training for August to 342.

Inspections: Fire Inspector Jodie Imel completed numerous activities this month: 100 Inspections (including consultations via telephone, email, on-site; fire prevention inspections and re-inspections; and planning inspections), 4 Updated Emergency Contact Information (updating any emergency contact for occupancy or property), and 24 FireHouse Record additions (adding new occupancy or property to FireHouse database), bringing her yearly total for all activity types to 947.

Timothy J. Heath  
Fire Chief, West Lafayette

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## Monthly Incident Counts By Station

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2015} And {08/29/2015}

Station #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
	0	1	1	0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	11	0.80
1	51	36	48	44	55	50	47	52	0	0	0	0	383	27.97
2	93	58	71	70	79	60	70	73	0	0	0	0	574	41.92
3	58	52	44	42	52	42	63	48	0	0	0	0	401	29.29

Total Runs by Month											
Jan	202	Feb	147	Mar	164	Apr	156	May	189	Jun	154
Jul	182	Aug	175	Sep	0	Oct	0	Nov	0	Dec	0

Grand Total Runs: 1369

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## Incident Type Summary By District

Alarm Date Between {08/01/2015} And {08/29/2015}

District	False	Fire	Good	Hazard Overpressu	Rescue	Service	Special	Weather	Total
None	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
01	7	4	3	4	34	0	0	0	52
02	5	1	4	0	62	1	0	0	73
03	3	0	3	0	37	4	0	0	47
MU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	15	6	10	4	135	5	0	0	175

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## Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {08/01/2015} And {08/29/2015}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
<b>1 Fire</b>				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.14%	\$13,000	82.80%
111 Building fire	1	0.57%	\$2,700	17.19%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>6</u>	<u>3.42%</u>	<u>\$15,700</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	100	57.14%	\$0	0.00%
320 Emergency medical service, other	28	16.00%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	5	2.85%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>135</u>	<u>77.14%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>4</u>	<u>2.28%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>5 Service Call</b>				
554 Assist invalid	5	2.85%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>5</u>	<u>2.85%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>6 Good Intent Call</b>				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	5	2.85%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>10</u>	<u>5.71%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%

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Alarm Date Between {08/01/2015} And {08/29/2015}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	2.85%	\$0	0.00%
	15	8.57%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 175

Total Est Loss: \$15,700





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## August 2015 Training Report

The month of August for the Fire Department involved some great new information and skills training. At the beginning of the month each shift took part in a lecture by members of the Tippecanoe County Youth Services on the Safe Place system. Marking each station as a place where at risk children or teens could go for help. Members were informed on how to handle these situations and how to contact the right authorities. Each session was an hour in length and 37 members took part. Make up training will be presented to the members that were not able to attend the training sessions.

All three shifts later in the month took part in an aerial ladder training session at station 3. Instructors from each shift lead the shift in a drill to increase their ability to position the aerial ladder into different positions. The training will help each firefighter to be more competent with the apparatus and its functions. Each training session was four hours in length and 36 members took place in the training.

At the end of August each shift will take part in an equipment drill covering the department's rotary saws and their operation. Members will review starting the equipment and the uses for the saw in emergency operations. This training will cover two hours and 36 members will participate.

Members of the Department also took part in 90 hours of single shift or station drills including truck checks, hose line operations, building tours, and decon training. The department took part in a total of 342 man hours of training for the month of August. These training items will help the Fire Department better serve the community of West Lafayette.

Department Training Instructor

Eric Doyle



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Beth DeHahn  
Administrative Assistant

**FROM:** Jodie Imel  
Fire Inspector

**DATE:** 24Aug15

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Activity Report – 21Jul15 through 20Aug15

The following activities were completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau for above noted dates.

Activity	Description	Total Completed
Inspections – All Types	The types of inspections included consultations via telephone, email and on-site visits; routine fire prevention inspections and reinspections; and planning inspections, which includes plan reviews and on-site visits.	100
Letters of Completion	An option for on-site reinspection is the return of a signed copy of the report of inspection. The representative's signature indicates all deficiencies noted during the routine fire prevention inspection have been corrected.	0
Updated Emergency Contact Information	This activity type is used when updating any of the emergency contacts for a particular occupancy or property. Notification could be by email, telephone call or on-site visit and could be initiated by an occupancy or property representative or by the Fire Prevention Bureau.	4
FireHouse Record	When a new occupancy or property is added to the FireHouse database, this activity is used. A new record may be created without including emergency contact information. In some instances, a new FireHouse record is created as a "placeholder" for a routine fire prevention inspection to be completed at a later date.	24
Total for all Activity Types		128

The following provides updated activity totals for the period 2Mar15 through 20Jun 15. The updated numbers include any activities that were not entered into FireHouse during previous reporting periods. Progress continues to be made along the State Street Corridor for the completion of routine fire prevention inspections. Also included with this monthly update are the two informational pages that were part of the Villas of Stonebridge newsletter. As a resident of this neighborhood, I was asked to provide life and fire safety information for the monthly publication.

Activity	Description	Total Completed
Inspections – All Types	The types of inspections included consultations via telephone, email and on-site visits; routine fire prevention inspections and reinspections; and planning inspections, which includes plan reviews and on-site visits.	<b>457</b>
Letters of Completion	An option for on-site reinspection is the return of a signed copy of the report of inspection. The representative's signature indicates all deficiencies noted during the routine fire prevention inspection have been corrected.	<b>0</b>
Updated Emergency Contact Information	This activity type is used when updating any of the emergency contacts for a particular occupancy or property. Notification could be by email, telephone call or on-site visit and could be initiated by an occupancy or property representative or by the Fire Prevention Bureau.	<b>231</b>
FireHouse Record	When a new occupancy or property is added to the FireHouse database, this activity is used. A new record may be created without including emergency contact information. In some instances, a new FireHouse record is created as a "placeholder" for a routine fire prevention inspection to be completed at a later date.	<b>259</b> (The FH database now has nearly 775 total occupancy records.)
Total for all Activity Types		<b>947</b>





## Safety Tips (a partial list)

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- **An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, while a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm should be installed.**
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save the instructions for testing and maintenance tips.
- **Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.**
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices use strobe lights. Vibration devices can be added to these fire alarms.
- **Replace smoke alarms (not just batteries) every 10 years.**

For more safety tips and other information about this topic and many others, visit **[www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org)**.

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are key to surviving a fire in your home.

They provide early warning, helping to ensure your family has time to get out (and stay out!)

Nearly 67% of home fire deaths resulted in homes without smoke alarms or without working smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

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## Safety Tips (a partial list)

Here are a few safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to get you started:

- When using stairs, always grip the handrail. Keep stairs well lighted and clear of items you could trip over.
- **Keep floors cleared and slip resistant. Remove loose carpets, cords and other items you could trip over. Be sure all rugs, mats and other surfaces are non-skid.**
- Install grab bars and slip-resistant surfaces in your bathroom.
- **Use only stable step stools with a top handrail. Don't climb alone – have someone nearby to help you.**
- Stand up slowly from a sitting or lying down position.
- **Be sure your telephones and emergency numbers are easily accessible – so you can get help if you fall.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) webpage, [Falls Among Older Adults: An Overview](#), offers up much more information about this topic, as well as additional resources.

Because many individuals believe falls are part of aging, the National Council on Aging had made a list of the top ten myths of older adult falls. [Dubunking the Myths of Older Adult Falls](#) provides the reality of each of these myths.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) reports one-third of Americans ages 65 and over falls.

In 2013, about 25,500 older adults died from unintentional fall injuries.

According to the CDC, in 2013, 2.5 million nonfatal falls among older adults were treated in emergency departments and more than 734,000 of these patients were hospitalized.

The CDC has developed [A Home Fall Prevention Checklist for Older Adults](#) to help you identify potential trip and fall hazards in your home.

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